

Response to Rule 312 Communication	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/642,477	KAWAI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 April 2008 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

In a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative, Albert Smith, on 4/21/08, the Examiner requested that Applicant amend original claim 5 (renumbered claim 4) to change the dependency from cancelled original claim 4 to being dependent upon original claim 1 prior to payment of the issue fee. The Amendment filed 04/28/08 corrects the dependency of claim 5.

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